

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 417

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A RESOLUTION to honor Chandler Lawson, Most Valuable Player of the 2019 TSSAA Division I Class AA State Basketball Tournament.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize a young man who, having reached the very pinnacle of high school basketball, will be refining his talents at the collegiate level next winter; and

WHEREAS, Chandler Lawson of Memphis's Wooddale High School is a two-time State Tournament Most Valuable Player (MVP) and the first and only four-time State Champion in Memphis Division I history; and

WHEREAS, Chandler Lawson won his first three basketball championships at Memphis East High School under the tutelage of Penny Hardaway; when Coach Hardaway left for the University of Memphis, he transferred to Wooddale to play for his father, Keelon Lawson; and

WHEREAS, Chandler Lawson was named MVP of the 2018 State Tournament after posting a double-double in all three games and leading Memphis East to the State title; and

WHEREAS, during the 2018-2019 season, Chandler Lawson was outstanding in guiding the Cardinals to a 33-4 overall record and the first basketball championship in school history; named State Tournament MVP for the second consecutive year, he celebrated by turning a cartwheel at center court after the victory; and

WHEREAS, Chandler Lawson is indeed basketball royalty as a member of the first family of Memphis hoops; his father, Keelon Lawson, a three-time State Champion as a coach, led Memphis Hamilton to state titles in 2006 and 2015 in addition to capturing this year's crown with Wooddale; and

WHEREAS, Chandler's older brothers, Dedric and K.J. Lawson, were members of their father's 2015 State Championship squad at Hamilton and are both now standouts for the University of Kansas Jayhawks basketball team; and

WHEREAS, his younger brother, Johnathan Lawson, is a two-time State Champion and was named to this year's All-State Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, Chandler Lawson is a four-star, top-100 recruit who, after excelling at the high-school level, has already signed to play basketball for the University of Oregon Ducks next season; and

WHEREAS, Chandler Lawson has distinguished himself as an exemplary young man both on and off the court, and he is richly deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chandler Lawson, four-time State Champion and two-time State Tournament MVP, upon his fantastic high school basketball career and wish him much continued success at the collegiate level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.